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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
7 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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9 BRIAN E. LEPLEY, ) 3:11-cv-00781-ECR (WGC)  
10 Plaintiff, )  
11 vs. )  
12 ROBERT LEGRAND, et. al. )  
13 Defendants. )  
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15 Before the court is Plaintiff's motion requesting a Rule 26 discovery conference. (Doc.  
16 # 39).<sup>1</sup> Defendants have moved to strike Plaintiff's motion (Doc. # 41) and Plaintiff filed an  
opposition to the motion to strike (Doc. # 42).

17 While Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f) provides authority for the court to strike  
18 "redundant, immaterial, impertinent, or scandalous matter[s]" from a *pleading*, it does not  
19 authorize the court to strike material contained in other documents filed with the court. See  
20 Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(f). Nevertheless, courts have inherent powers to control their dockets, see  
21 *Ready Transp., Inc. v. AAR Mfg, Inc.*, 627 F.3d 402, 404 (citations omitted), and to "achieve  
22 the orderly and expeditious disposition of cases." *Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43  
23 (1991). "This includes the power to strike items from the docket as a sanction for litigation  
24 conduct." *Ready*, 627 F.3d at 404 (citations omitted).

25 Defendants are correct that Plaintiff improperly filed this motion while the court  
26 ordered stay of litigation was in effect. (See Doc. # 32.) Moreover, Rule 26 specifically exempts  
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28 <sup>1</sup> Refers to court's docket number.

1 pro se inmate litigation from the requirement of holding a Rule 26(f) conference. *See* Fed. R.  
2 Civ. P. 26(B)(iv), (f)(1). In addition, pursuant to the local rules of this district, a discovery plan  
3 is not required in inmate cases filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, obviating the need to hold  
4 a Rule 26 conference. *See* L.R. 16-1(b).

5 Accordingly, Defendants' motion to strike Plaintiff's request for a Rule 26 conference  
6 (Doc. # 41) is **GRANTED** and Plaintiff's motion (Doc. # 39) is **STRICKEN**.

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9 DATED: August 29, 2012.

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11 WILLIAM G. COBB  
12 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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